



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: MHA-05-141	POSITION: Housing Specialist
POSITION SERIES: DS-1101	POSITION GRADE: 13
OPENING DATE: 08/01/05	CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled
IF "OPEN UNTIL FILLED" FIRST SCREENING DATE: 08/15/05 (And every two weeks thereafter.)	SALARY RANGE: \$63,211 - \$82,180 Per Annum
WORKSITE: 64 New York Avenue, NE Washington, D.C. 20002	TOUR OF DUTY: 8:15 am – 4:45 pm Monday - Friday
PROMOTION POTENTIAL: None	AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Unlimited
AGENCY: MHA/Housing Division	NO. OF VACANCIES: One (1)
DURATION OF APPOINTMENT: () Permanent (X) Term (13 months to 4 years) Not to Exceed <u>09/30/07</u> . () Temporary (Up to 1 year), Not to Exceed _____ months.	
() This position IS in the collective bargaining unit represented by _____ and you may be required to pay an agency service fee through an automatic payroll deduction. (X) This position IS NOT in a collective bargaining unit.	
<p>"RESIDENCY PREFERENCE AMENDMENT ACT OF 1988": An applicant for a position in the Career Service or for an attorney position (DS-905 series) in the Excepted Service who is a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, may claim a hiring preference over a non-resident applicant by completing the "Residency Preference for Employment" form, DC 2000RP, and submitting it with the employment application, DC 2000. To be granted preference, an applicant must: (1) be qualified for the position; and (2) submit a claim form at the time of application. Except for employees entitled by law to preference, preference will not be granted unless the claim is made at the time of application.</p>	
<p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: The incumbent of the position serves as Housing Specialist for Division of Adult Services, Housing Division. The incumbent has lead responsibility for coordinating and developing a new infrastructure to facilitate the implementation of housing options and long term supports for persons dually diagnosed with mental illness and mental retardation developmental disabilities. The incumbent works in partnership with the Department of Human Services/Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration (MRDDA) to create a seamless system of long-term supports and housing. Conducts public information relation activities with prospective clients, potential lenders, community groups, realtors, and other appropriate public interest groups to attract lenders and borrowers to the programs. Serves as the primary resource for home ownership living arrangement information. Works closely with Case Managers in facilitating the placement of clients in housing and home ownership opportunities, including placement of inpatients into the community. Develops programs for housing consumers to integrate them into community activities and organizations such as recreation center, educational programs, and churches. Assists the case manager and treatment team in the completion of needed assessment of client level of functioning, housing needs and community living skills, developing pre-placement and service plans, preparing and orientating the client to prospective housing, and providing direct, on-site support, assistance, and training.</p>	
<p>QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENT: Candidates must possess one (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level. Specialized experience is experience which is directly related to the position to be filled and which has equipped the candidate with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position to be filled.</p>	
<p>SELECTIVE PLACEMENT FACTOR(S): None</p>	

SUBMISSION OF RANKING FACTORS

The following ranking factors will be used in the evaluation process. All applicants MUST respond to the ranking factors. Please describe specific incidents from your experience that show evidence of the level at which you meet the ranking factors that have been determined to be of importance for the position for which you are applying. You may refer to any experience, education, training, awards, outside activities, etc., that indicate the degree to which you possess the job-related knowledge, skills, and abilities described in the ranking factors. The information given in response to the ranking factors should be complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge. FAILURE TO RESPOND TO ALL RANKING FACTORS MAY ELIMINATE YOU FROM CONSIDERATION.

RANKING FACTORS

1. Comprehensive knowledge of the principles, methodologies, and techniques pertaining to housing and community development and residential housing services for the dually diagnosed mental ill.
2. Knowledge of the concepts, principles, and techniques of psychological, social, and rehabilitative treatment for mentally ill and/or developmentally disabled client health problems in order to work with the challenged consumers.
3. Knowledge of program planning, development, and evaluation related to housing and residential services.
4. Professional knowledge of and skill in providing or arranging for a range of individual and group community living skills training techniques and treatment interventions.
5. Ability to communicate orally and in writing in order to develop housing, coordinate with community officials, coordinate housing resources, develop plans, develop grants and work with clients and treatment teams.

SUBSTITUTION OF EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCE WILL BE ALLOWED AS DEFINED BY OPM'S X-118 QUALIFICATIONS STANDARDS. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CREDIT YOU MUST SUBMIT OFFICIAL PROOF OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION. TIME-IN-GRADE REQUIREMENTS ARE APPLICABLE. APPLICANTS CLAIMING VETERANS PREFERENCE MUST SUBMIT OFFICIAL PROOF WITH THE APPLICATION.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT, EXCEPT THAT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED OUTSIDE THE AREA OF CONSIDERATION OR AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT ACTION.

HOW TO APPLY: ALL APPLICANTS, INCLUDING DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES AND OTHER D.C. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, MUST SUBMIT THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION, DC 2000. SELECTION (S) FROM THIS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT PENDING CLEARANCE THROUGH PRIORITY PLACEMENT PROGRAMS. "A NON-COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF A CANDIDATE ON THE AGENCY'S REEMPLOYMENT PRIORITY LIST OR THE DISPLACED EMPLOYEE'S PRIORITY LIST WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THIS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT."

WHERE TO APPLY: DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES
64 NEW YORK AVENUE, NE, 5th Floor
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002
ATTN: Cynthia Hawkins (202) 673-7522
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE D. C. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, AS AMENDED, D. C. CODE SECTION 1-2501 et seq. ("THE ACT") THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, PERSONAL APPEARANCE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, FAMILIAL STATUS, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, MATRICULATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination which is also prohibited by the Act. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

SALARY REDUCTION OF REEMPLOYED ANNUITANTS: An individual selected for employment in the District government on or after January 1, 1980, who is receiving an annuity under any District government civilian retirement system, shall have his or her pay reduced by the amount of annuity allocable to the period of employment.

OFFICIAL JOB OFFERS ARE MADE ONLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT OF 1988.

"Pursuant to the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the individual selected to fill this position will, as a condition of employment, be required to notify his or her immediate supervisor, in writing, no later than five days after conviction of or plea of guilty to a violation of any criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace."